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WE SAID there do exist ways and means how to acquire a healthy whole. They are based on the laws of nature, nature in its widest sense. At all times there have been men who were particularly observant of these laws. They lived by them. They followed their direction and obeyed the inherent urges. They worked with them and not against them. And they freely shared the knowledge thus acquired. It therefore comes as no surprise to find that there have been many civilizations in man's history where the natural way of living, the obeisance paid to universal law was a primary feature. These were ages when men lived more from the inside out than from the exterior toward their inward realm. Healthy instinct and intuition were lord over the senses. Listening to them, the individual moved along the right way. By them, also, he felt and was protected. They guarded him from an undue exteriorization of his intellect and his senses. These, being mere instruments, are not designed to be the voice of the inner man and the Self. It is not through them that It speaks.

But outer man, as everything else in manifested nature, is subject to change. And the more so, the less he holds on to his inner man. The inner man is the one that reaches up into the higher, the unmanifested spheres where changes (in terms of our imagination) are incredibly slower. Up here man is anchored. Up here, through the origin of our inner man, are we rooted. It is for this reason that in many mythologies the Tree of Life was pictured upside down - we here leaves and branchlets, the trunk of the inner life forces with its root system pointing upwards into the higher, invisible reaches of the universe. When in the course of changes the knowledge of such facts and the actuality of this experience gets dimmed first, then lost, man turns ever more to the outer frame of nature. Here he looks for support and further guidance. He cannot find them since he is part of the outer structure himself. Finding not what he is looking for, and nature remaining deaf to his cries, he turns to overpower and master her. That is the beginning of civilizations in which materialism and mere outward techniques become bad substitutes for that which man has lost within himself. Tied up in it, man will be crushed when such technical age reaches culmination point and the spiritless, soulless structure will start toppling. Then once again he is in his - "Last Days".

News comes from Lou Zinsstag, Basle, GA's representative for Switzerland, that George Adamski decided to cancel all further arrangements in Europe. In its unexpected suddenness the letter came quite as a sensation.

Lou writes that it had become obvious that GA would not have been able to go on for longer than a fortnight after his sojourn in Switzerland, and this despite a short holiday there which they had been able to squeeze in somehow. It is plain now that what he needs is a complete rest, at home or at least where he is familiar and feels at home and not in strange surroundings. After a flying visit to Rome, he was scheduled to leave for Copenhagen and from there via Northpole to Los Angeles on the 17th.

For all his friends in Italy, Austria, Germany, Denmark where GA was due to still give quite a number of lectures, the sudden cancellation must have come as a shock. Although we here in Africa were the first to be affected by a curtailment in engagements, we also feel uncomfortable enough at the thought that GA had to decide as he did.

We hope that he will find the rest & care he needs & that he will soon recover from this tour which turned out to be so gratifying & strenuous at the same time.

IT IS with great pleasure that we here present a special report for our readers from our liaison lady and GA's representative in the Netherlands, Miss Rey d'Aquila, on his visit there in the middle of May. The English as well as the Dutch press had come out in full force with a ridiculing campaign which, in the Netherlands, ended with criticising the Queen for insisting on the audience as previously arranged. We are used to the fact that in our age the press is no mirror of the truth - if it has ever been. Rey d'Aquila tells quite a different story.

WE OF the "UFO-Contactgroep Nederland" had planned GA's visit to Soestdijk for half an hour. He would have time then to rest properly before his engagement at 2 p.m., his lecture in Den Haag. The Palace car fetched him at 10.30am. He did not turn up before 2.20 in the afternoon. The public was kept waiting for 20 minutes. The audience had lasted 4 times longer than planned. We therefore may conclude that the information GA gave to the Queen and her party was important enough for them to listen for so much longer.

This all despite what the papers had to say and in spite of a statement which was ascribed to the Queen herself. The statement was made by Lt. Gen. Schaper, head of the Air Force, on her behalf. It referred to GA's report as "ongeloofwaardig", which had been given as 'incredible' in the English services, and which is not its proper translation. Thus we would rather believe that the statement was made to shield the Queen

from still greater difficulties than she had had to face already on account of GA's visit. We do not believe that it was her own statement, the more so since GA did tell us "that the Queen carried the whole atmosphere of deep & sincere interest, which she conveyed to all present". The visit to the Queen would always remain a memorable event to him, he said. But GA himself never went into details, neither toward me nor my co-workers.

Attending the audience were:- Prince Bernhard, Lt. Gen. Schaper, Professors Jongbloed (Aerial Medicine), Dr. M. Rooy (Telecommunications), and Mr Kolff (President, R.D. Society of Aeronautics). The general trend in the discussions was the progress in space travel in all countries, on which GA gave his own vision along the lines described in his second book, "Inside the Space Ships". This was reported in the press. With no further details available on the audience, it is difficult for us to comment. But one thing

we can say for sure: no press reporters were present. So what the press had further to say about this audience is a big lie from the first to the last line! "Paris Match", for instance, carried a wholly imaginative 'interview with the queen', complete with questions and answers!

With a very few exceptions the whole press was determinedly against GA and reproduced his words in a badly distorted manner. They did so purposely and GA later explained to us, why:-

At an official press conference at Mr Lokkers' home on Wednesday the 20th May, GA had mentioned "the opposition" all over the world. Representatives of American papers then challenged him to tell names. But GA replied: "What do you guys expect me to say? I am too long in the business than to mention names..." A Reuter correspondent whispered the name of a well-known oil company but George merely looked at him.

Here are come points which GA discussed at the press conference but which never appeared in print:-

1. What is going to happen to us if we continue the atomic course, to annihilation?

2. The Out-into-Space programme of the 29th July 1958, in which the US Congress had declared that space will be used for peaceful purposes.

3. We shall have no better future with the old set-up. We have to get out of a destructive type of progress into the constructive one with a different attitude & approach by science. Astronomy needed 5 years at least to prove things. Outside Pluto, two new orbits had been discovered.

There were other voices, too, and one of them deserves mentioning. At the end of the lecture in Amsterdam, Prof. Dr. E. L. Selliger (Chemistry, formerly of Delft University) stepped onto the platform and thanked "our friend Adamski" for the news he had brought us. To quote him exactly: "...The things we have heard may sound strange to most of us, if not to all - but strange things happen every day if our eyes are open. I hope we shall be open-minded toward and Approach - June, 1959

benefit from what we have heard today." The audience applauded heartily.

Contact was also made with the government subsidised Centraal Projectie- en Lichtbeelden Instituut, Amsterdam, which regularly shows educational filmstrips in over 24000 Dutch schools. It is hoped that with the aid also of Desmond Leslie 'flying saucer' material can be put at their disposal in order to enable them to produce a strip on the subject.

+ So far Miss Rey d'Aquila's report. We endeavour to obtain another one from Lou Zinsstag, Switzerland, for our July issue.

THE UFO NEWS STAND

+ In an exchange of letters on the UFO topic in the Johannesburg "Star", in which Miss Ann Grevler argued that GA has been unable to support his claims by tangible proof, Mr. Ockert van Rooyen, Vanderbijlpark, replied i.a.: "...I am a technical man, used to hard facts, and practical research with practical results & I have all the proof I want that GA is sincere in every way. If Adamski is using the 'saucers' to boost his own 'cult' his method would contradict his philosophy... I admire George Adamski for the difficult task he is performing in a world of cynics, divisions, war-mongers and scientists, who do not believe what they do not understand". He suggested that Miss Grevler read both GA's books as well as his "Telepathy, the Cosmic Language".

Amongst others who replied were Mrs. Mathewson of Potgietersrus, and Mrs. Klarer, Johannesburg.

+ Between the 7th and 11th of this month UFO's were sighted on several occasions in the Eastern Cape and Transvaal. Bright objects were seen to travel swiftly across the sky near Port Elizabeth and Zwartkops, taking longer than five seconds & thus excluding the likelihood of their having been meteorites. Reader Dr. J. D. Mohr, superintendent of Standerton Hospital, watched an object that stayed in one spot for an hour.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"..After I finished Adamski's 2nd book, I felt compelled to get in touch with him, to meet him in person & talk to him at great length. Impossible though this seemed, at the time, it soon came to pass at his suggestion: a meeting in New York City, where he was giving a talk. I did not hear the talk but was privileged to spend several hours with him at his hotel.

He is an amazing gentleman, & that is an understatement. In retrospect, my admiration for him always brings an emotion which I have felt only in the contemplation of the really great men of the past. Simple & sincere. Wise & humble. Fortright & gentle. Courageous & fun-loving. Friendly to all. Never sparing of self. He is unbelievably unselfish - his only concern is for a better world. He would not call himself a Christian, or be called a Christian by some, yet, to me he is more Christian than any man I know...

The powerful impact of the meeting has spurred me on to do a great many things that I would not otherwise have done. Last Sunday, I spoke again at our Church about the Universal Plan & the Assistant Minister stayed on for 2 hours to argue the implications of spacelife on Theology etc... So it goes. Some 45 talks now and not a one that was not earnestly asked for by

the group concerned." - William Sherwood, Rochester, New York.

+ Thank you William, for your letter and for letting us know!

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"..I liked your article "Psychicism in UFOlogy", March 1959. It is startling indeed that the 'medial communications' by the planetarians should have taken place only since UFO's have been sighted in greater numbers! It appears that the planetarians did not think it necessary BEFORE to inform, to warn us with the help of mediums e.g. of imminent World War No. Two...!

These 'messages'! Weird, idiotic! For in a time when we strive to overcome militarism, there promptly puts himself across the 'Commander-in-Chief of the United Space Fleet'. Of course, it is easier to produce fancies than to explore a subject.." - Dieter Gernert, Nürnberg-Thon, Germany.

+ Two handsome arguments, I feel like saying, Dieter.

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"..Do not be too high-minded & forceful of your opinions re the lesser psychic souls in the world. They too...must crawl before they walk and Ashtar & his group are but beginners. Guide them & us but don't be too smart in expressions or else you may find you are on no higher level in other subjects." - C.B., Otahuhu, New Zealand.

+ C.B. refers to our comments in Vol I: 6, p.40.- Very forth-

rightly put, C.B., but it's not as easy as that! If smartness of expression be a weakness in our manner of writing then, we are sure, would a drab, tepid style be even more revolting. Oh yes, there is much that we do not know! Yet we are in good company when forceful and outspoken on certain subjects of which we too know at least a little bit! And we repeat this: there is absolutely no reason for any psychic or normal soul to 'crawl', or to start with 'baby beginnings'. They should straighten up, DISCIPLINE themselves & forget their psychic trends which were carried over from a previous life's dabbings. For them and for all of us the Enlightened One said: "Not to do any evil, to cultivate good, to purify one's mind, this is the teaching of the Buddhas."

NO GOOD IS DONE by all those who accept Ashtar & like fantasies as 'guides' to knowledge in the UFO or any other field! Nor is it OUR business to guide people who won't listen! We put things to others. What they do with it is their own affair!

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"..Another thing (in cosmic UFOlogy) irritates me, that is this talk about brotherhood. Surely this must have its limit somewhere, here in our continent..." - H.V., S.W. Africa.

+ Looks a tough point, this one! Let us hear first - what do other readers think?

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THE LAMA's STORY CONTINUED

T. LOBSANG RAMPAs Doctor from Lhasa. Souvenir Press, London, 1959. (19/-, APPROACH's Book Order Service.)

There must be many people around the world who have eagerly been awaiting the publication of this continuation of Dr. Rampa's life story. We recall how his first book 'The Third Eye', a best seller in close to one & a half dozen languages, came down in the minds of men almost like a bomb from another world - rattling, shaking & certainly with an incalculable effect. A Tibetan nobleman told of things hitherto unheard of in the Western World. With present-day complacency shaken & intellectual self-contentment gruesomely roused, the impact of course, lasted only until it was "found out" that this Tibetan allegedly were "no Tibetan". People, however, did not stop to consider that an English plumber could hardly have written such a book.

But once the lama-author was "demasked as a hoax", smugness could recapture its old throne. Once the writer was knocked flat in the eyes of this age's press, his book could be ridiculed without further punishment. No need, thereafter, to worry any longer over the strange things reported in it! or perhaps to start on a private journey toward oneself, one's inner self!

Yet, not so with all those others who reserved their judgement or even have kept an undaunted faith in the genuity of this Tibetan man. In 'Doctor from Lhasa' they will see their patient waiting rewarded and will find the answers to many a question they might have kept at the back of their mind. As Dr. Rampa is writing a third book the picture will become still more complete in due course.

That its dominant hue in this 2nd volume appears to be somewhat sombre is both at the same time natural, and misleading. For on the one Approach - June, 1959

hand, the years of his life sketched here, up to the bomb of Hiroshima, turned out to be just one endless string of hardships and suffering in the extreme. After having studied Western medicine & qualifying in it, at Chunking University - the lama soon found himself caught up in the Japanese invasion and the subsequent prolonged conflict, captured, escaping, recaptured, tortured, literally crushed, brutally pushed to the very gate of death, enduring, living through it all thanks to his esoteric training and at last, a sore and stricken lump of human flesh, sailing in a lonely fishing boat into another Unknown again. It needs hardly mentioning the fact that every word in his terse and gripping style rings true, that this portrait of an unbreakable human being holds its own with the best of the series of war and prisoner of war novels the last 12 years have brought forth. Nay, that it surpasses them in so many respects - one of the most obvious being that here for a change a man was unbreakable not because of a Christian or similar type of faith in the One God but - to remain within the metaphor - through his faith in The Gods; through his deep knowledge, cosmic & otherwise; and because of the right way in which this knowledge had been applied in his system of education. On many occasions we are introduced to this knowledge. - And this, on the other hand, is why the sombre overtone might be misleading: the exciting, the lighter moments even, and those others in which we are brought face to face with that deeper knowledge, are tucked away like pearls in clammy pockets. One must read steadily with an alert mind, a wide eye and a very keen ear, otherwise the best in this book will be missed.

Apart from this, however, there are some grand and easily comprehensible expositions on astral flight, clairvoyance and precognition with the aid of a crystal ball, on will & imagination, & especially on how to breathe. In fact, these passages all are so fascinating & inviting that we can foresee, for instance, a world-wide rush

by psychic & other people to the next appropriate shop in search of a crystal ball! One might very well ask oneself why Dr. Rampa should have made it so easy and so inviting to the serious-minded as well as the merely curious! Again, however, those sentences which contain the warnings or tell of the preliminary requirements and preparations, are almost tucked away in a paragraph here and another one there. Thus only the attentive reader, the one who thinks on his own while he goes along will have the best chances to realise what indeed is required to make a success of his efforts. He will remember that the young Lobsang Rampa, when entering upon a new field of education, was carefully led by his teacher. He will notice that before venturing into the paranormal faculties & before they can be awakened, a proper cleansing process is necessary. The body must be healthy, the mind sane and purified and the heart must be fearless and very sure of its motives! Nowhere, in these chapters, does the author omit to describe and explain a distinctive set of conditions which must be adhered to & fulfilled first. It stands to reason that those who tend to overlook these and who just do not listen to intuition nor consult their reason at the same time, will only meet with failures. Many will non-chalantly have a fling at astral flight and, when it gets them nowhere, as easily have a go at crystal gazing - or even try both at the same time, without study, reason and concentration. So let people well ponder ALL the points the author makes in his irresistible descriptions.

But again, why then did he make it so attractive? One answer is: as an encouragement & as a test. Every now and again, Masters & Yogis have lifted the veil a little bit, just to encourage those who are serious in their hearts so that they may not lose sight of what they ultimately

also want to reach and to achieve, and indeed to test them. For only if put to the test can depth of insight, measure of circumspection and purity of motivation be ascertained. And so all those who honestly strive - let them take heart!

Apart from the martyr-like example of endurance & these enlarged glimpses into the occult sciences, the most important contributions by the author - no, they are revelations indeed - are contained in two chapters in which he tells us more of his visit to the town of the Gods in the Chang Tang Highlands, and of those ages "when the world was very young"! There were times when man on earth was of amazing stature and when he had the benefit of care & guidance by still taller men, giants in size & intellect from another system. We hear of how conditions, once again, deteriorated, how half a million years ago a clash between opposite orders became inevitable. This, through the course of time, had occurred again and again. At one stage, even as we can foresee with our own age:- "One day there was a tremendous explosion, and the whole earth seemed to shake and to veer in its course. Lurid flames shot across the sky, and the earth was wreathed in smoke..." Later, amazing things occurred with earth, of which you must read yourself. One of the results was the reversal of its spin while before that the sun used to rise in the west.

Battles and bombs, then, have been with man through his history back to his beginnings. What has, however, not been with him in every one of the civilisations on this planet were the great craft that "sailed through the air without wings or sound, or hovered motionless as not even the birds could hover..."

Enough, I am not going to give away more. One thing is certain: whether you believe in Dr Rampa or not, you will never be sorry for having read this book - nay, you'll read it more than once!